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*Hon-Ming Mak; Yanagawa, H.;*

Lightwave Technology, Journal of , Volume: 12 , Issue: 5 , May 1994

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**2 COTS fibre channel network technology insertion into avionics systems**
*Gaska, T.D.;*

Aerospace and Electronics Conference, 1998. NAECON 1998. Proceedings of the IEEE 1998 National , 13-17 July 1998

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## High-extinction directional coupler switches by compensation and elimination methods

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 Opto-Technol. Lab., Furukawa Electr. Co. Ltd., Chiba, Japan;  
*This paper appears in: **Lightwave Technology, Journal of***

Publication Date: May 1994

On page(s): 899 - 908

Volume: 12 , Issue: 5

ISSN: 0733-8724

Reference Cited: 24

CODEN: JLTEG

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### Abstract:

A conventional guided-wave optical directional coupler switch always presents extinction switching property less than 30 dB. One main reason is that coupling between input and output lead regions of the coupler, causing low extinction in through switching state despite the coupling strength being very weak. Another may be due to the asymmetric structural designs of couplers in optical integrated circuits, making low extinction result in the cross switching state. In this paper, we propose two methods which can solve this crosstalk problem easily. One is by compensation technique in which we design an optimum structural construction for reversal  $\Delta\beta$ -directional coupler switch, and for which theoretical prediction shows that infinity extinction can be achieved where the **fabricated switch** element gave 40 dB extinction ratio for both the through and cross switching states. In another method, the coupling effect between lead waveguides are eliminated by means of refractive index **control** of the waveguides. Theoretical prediction shows that if the change of index  $\delta n$  is greater than  $3 \times 10^{-3}$ , over 60 dB extinction can result, where the **switch** element also gave more than 38 dB extinction in both the through and cross switching states. Fabrication error, existence of propagation loss, and stray light scattering may be the causes of difference between predicted and experimental results. However, both proposed methods show evidence that it is possible to obtain a extinction ratio as high as nearly 40 dB.

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Aug 12, 2003

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6606690 B2

TITLE: System and method for accessing a storage area network as network attached storage

DATE-ISSUED: August 12, 2003

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Padovano, Michael	Englishtown	NJ		

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Sep 3, 2002

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TITLE: ATM switch with VC priority buffers

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Aug 20, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6438648

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6438648 B1

TITLE: System apparatus and method for managing multiple host computer operating requirements in a data storage system

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Jul 16, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6421711

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6421711 B1

TITLE: Virtual ports for data transferring of a data storage system

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File: USPT

Dec 4, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6327246

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6327246 B1

TITLE: Controlled available bit rate service in an ATM switch

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File: USPT

Nov 24, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5841773

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5841773 A

TITLE: ATM network switch with congestion level signaling for controlling cell buffers

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File: USPT

Jul 25, 1995

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TITLE: ATM cell switch suitable for multicast switching

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TITLE: Disk subsystem

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Detailed Description Text (3):

In the external storage device shown in the figure, N disk array controllers (controller section) 1-1 to 1-N (controllers in middle such as 1-2 are not shown, this applies to hereinbelow) are connected to a host computer (not shown) in an upper side, and provide M disk drive interface (disk drive I/F) controllers 2-1 to 2-M in a bottom side. The hardware configuration of the disk array controller will be described below in greater details. Each of M controllers of fibre channel fabric switch 3-1 to 3-M are respectively connected to the disk drive interface (I/F) controllers 2-1 to 2-M for controlling disk drive units through their fibre channel interface 5. L disk drive units are connected to one fibre channel fabric switch controller, a total of M by L disk drive units (4(1,1) to 4(M,L)) are connected to the fibre channel fabric switch controllers 3-1 to 3-M through fibre channel interfaces 6.

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## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Aruga; Kazuhisa	Odawara			JP

## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Hitachi, Ltd.	Tokyo			JP	03

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DATE FILED: February 2, 2000

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INT-CL: [07] G06 F 13/16, G06 F 13/42

US-CL-ISSUED: 710/316; 710/315, 711/114

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10171746	June 1998	JP	

ART-UNIT: 2187

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Portka; Gary J.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Antonelli, Terry, Stout &amp; Kraus, LLP

## ABSTRACT:

A protocol controller disposed between switches in a fiber channel fabric switch circuit and disk drive units for converting a protocol to enable one-to-one connectivity established between controllers and disk drive units.

35 Claims, 7 Drawing figures



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File: USPT

Jul 25, 1995

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5436893 A

TITLE: ATM cell switch suitable for multicast switching

Brief Summary Text (5):

An ATM switch comprises, in general terms, a plurality of link controllers each connected via an input port and an output port to a switch fabric which switches data cells from any input port to any output port. Each link controller has a plurality of data links connected to it. The link controllers comprise input controllers or receivers, whose principal function is simply to receive the bit stream from the external link and to divide it up into cells for presentation to the cell fabric, and output controllers or transmitters, which serve to convert the separate cells from the switch fabric into a continuous bit stream again for forwarding on the appropriate external link.

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Netcom Limited	Essex			GB	03

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ART-UNIT: 263

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Kizou; Hassan

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Gordon; David P.

ABSTRACT:

An ATM cell switch suitable for multicast switching comprises an input stage arranged to detect a multicast cell and to add to the cell header a switch header identifying the outputs to which copies are to be sent, a switch fabric arranged to identify multicast cells, to make identical copies thereof and to route the copies according to the switch header, and an output stage arranged to make further copies according to the data links which are to receive the multicast and to assign the appropriate VPI/VCI to the cell header of each copy according to data stored in said stage.

11 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Sep 15, 1992

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5148042 A

TITLE: Small electronic device capable of switching batteries by releasing a battery locking mechanism

Detailed Description Text (19):

The system bus 10 is further connected with an extending RAM 18, a backup RAM 19, a hard disc controller (HDC) 20B, a floppy disc controller (FDC) 20F, a printer controller (PRT-CONT) 21, a Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART) 22, a keyboard controller (KBC) 23, a display controller (DISP-CONT) 24, and a video RAM (VRAM) 25.

Detailed Description Text (20):

The extending RAM 18 consists of a memory card of 1M-byte or 2M-bytes and is mounted on the computer as occasion demands. The backup RAM 19 has a data save area to realize the resume function, and the backup power source (VBK) is always supplied to the backup RAM 19. The hard disc controller (HDC) 20B drives and controls the hard disc drive unit 20A under the control of the CPU 11, to perform read/write operation with respect to a 3.5 inch magnetic recording medium, and the floppy disc controller 20F drives and controls the floppy disc drive unit 32 or the external floppy disc drive unit 33 as occasion demands, under the control of the CPU 11.

## CLAIMS:

19. A portable computer according to claim 18, wherein the first line has a first bypass line for bypassing the first diode between the first switch and the interconnecting portion, the second line has a second bypass line for bypassing the second diode between the second switch and the interconnecting portion, the first bypass line has a first bypass switch for connecting or disconnecting the first bypass line, the second bypass line has a second bypass switch for connecting or disconnecting the second bypass line, the connection controller turns on one bypass switch corresponding to one line electrically connecting its battery and the voltage converter and turns off the other bypass switch corresponding to the other line electrically disconnecting its battery and the voltage converter when the first and second detectors detect that both of the first and second batteries are respectively locked by the first and second latches, turns off the bypass switch corresponding to the connected bypass line when the first or the second detector detects that the latch corresponding to the connected line is released by the release member, and turns on the bypass switch corresponding to the connected line when the third or the fourth detector detects that the terminal of the battery corresponding to the released latch is removed from the terminal of the battery storing portion corresponding to the removed battery.

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TITLE: Small electronic device capable of switching batteries by releasing a  
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## ABSTRACT:

A small electronic device includes first and second locking devices which releasably lock the batteries on a first and second mounting portions, first and second detectors which respectively detect that the locked conditions of first and second locking devices have been released, first and second switches for connecting the first and second batteries to a power supply node. The electronic device also includes a control unit which turns on the first switch to connect the first battery to the power supply node, and switches from an off state to an on state the second switch in response to a detection signal from the first detector.

19 Claims, 8 Drawing figures



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TITLE: Switch voice/data service extension to remote facilities

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (16):

ACDs 22, such as that shown in FIG. 1 typically use a proprietary interface between the switching and control fabric of the switch 38 and a line card which interfaces with external resources 24, 26, 30, 32. For example, one manufacturer of ACDs uses a timeslot interchange arrangement whereby a line card is assigned predetermined locations on a repeating TDM frame within the switch 38 for exchanging interprocessor control information, signaling control information and voice data. Other manufacturers may place interprocessor control information and/or signaling information on a separate bus.



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(54) **SWITCH VOICE/DATA SERVICE  
EXTENSION TO REMOTE FACILITIES**

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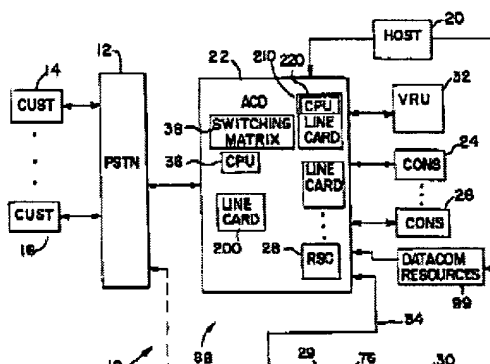
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus are provided for exchanging control information and voice data between an automatic call distributor and a line card of the automatic call distributor located at a site remote from the automatic call distributor through a wide-bandwidth communication channel. The method includes the step of allocating at least a first portion of the bandwidth of the wide-bandwidth communication channel for the control information and at least a second portion of the bandwidth to voice data. The interprocessor control information is transceived between a controller of the automatic call distributor and a controller of the line card under a packet data format within the first portion of the bandwidth allocated for control information and the voice data is transceived under a dedicated channel format within the second portion of the bandwidth between the automatic call distributor and line card.

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TITLE: Disk subsystem

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):

In the external storage device shown in the figure, N disk array controllers (controller section) 1-1 to 1-N (controllers in middle such as 1-2 are not shown, this applies to hereinbelow) are connected to a host computer (not shown) in an upper side, and provide M disk drive interface (disk drive I/F) controllers 2-1 to 2-M in a bottom side. The hardware configuration of the disk array controller will be described below in greater details. Each of M controllers of fibre channel fabric switch 3-1 to 3-M are respectively connected to the disk drive interface (I/F) controllers 2-1 to 2-M for controlling disk drive units through their fibre channel interface 5. L disk drive units are connected to one fibre channel fabric switch controller, a total of M by L disk drive units (4(1,1) to 4(M,L)) are connected to the fibre channel fabric switch controllers 3-1 to 3-M through fibre channel interfaces 6.



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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A protocol controller disposed between switches in a fiber channel fabric switch circuit and disk drive units for converting a protocol to enable one-to-one connectivity established between controllers and disk drive units.

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